# SEVENTY-FOURTH REPORT

of the

# **Board of Directors**

of the

# Lehigh Valley Railroad Company

to the

Stockholders

For the Year Ended December 31, 1927



# Lehigh Valley Railroad Company

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# Seventy-fourth Report

Philadelphia, Pa., February 23, 1928.

To the Stockholders of the Lehigh Valley Railroad Company:

The Board of Directors submits herewith its report for the year ended December 31, 1927.

### INCOME

Total Operating Revenues	\$74,502,818.91 59,270,391.95
Net Operating Revenue \$3,473,511.60 Railway Tax Accruals. \$3,473,511.60 Uncollectible Railway Revenues 9,646.82 Equipment Rents—Net. 1,901,696.62 Joint Facility Rents—Net. 11,804.59	\$15,232,426.96
Joint Facility Rents—Net	5,396,659.63
Net Railway Operating Income	\$9,835,767.33 1,635,797.95
Total Income  Deductions from Income	\$11,471,565.28 7,205,558.34
Net Income	\$4,266,006.94
PROFIT AND LOSS	
Balance, December 31, 1926	\$63,094,673.13 4,266,006.94 12,774.44
	\$67,373,454.51
Dividends:—       Regular 7%, or \$3.50 per \$50 share—Common	
	4,245,749.00
Balance, December 31, 1927	\$63,127,705.51

### FINANCIAL

At the close of the year your Company held in its Treasury unpledged securities amounting to \$31,313,576.66, as shown on page 10, and, in addition, the following securities of its own issue:

General Consolidated Mortgage Bonds	\$38,086,000.00
Consolidated Real Estate Co. Bonds (assumed)	2,600,000.00
•	
	\$40,686,000.00

Your Company has practically no maturities of outstanding obligations to meet for the next eleven years, when an issue of \$8,500,000 becomes due, the refunding of which is provided for in the General Consolidated Mortgage.

Since September 30, 1903, the date of the General Consolidated Mortgage, expenditures of approximately \$75,000,000 have been made for Additions and Betterments to the property of your Company and for other capital purposes, against which no new or additional securities have been issued.

The bonds of the Lehigh Valley Railroad Company and its subsidiaries in the hands of the public, as of December 31, 1927, amounted to \$125,989,000, no change compared with a year ago. The average interest rate is 4.62 per cent.

Your Company has no equipment trust obligations.

### ROAD AND EQUIPMENT

Expenditures for Additions and Betterments to road and equipment during 1927, including expenditures on subsidiary properties, amounted to \$11,863,898.50.

To meet the demand for prompt handling of automobiles for export and other heavy commodities for lighterage in New York Harbor, a new bulkhead was constructed west of Pier L, at the Jersey City terminal along the Tidewater Basin on the Hudson River. Adjacent to this bulkhead an area has been provided for storage which will accommodate over 500 crated automobiles or about 100 carloads; or may be used for any freight requiring handling by crane. A twenty-ton electric crane which travels the length of the bulkhead has been installed. Freight can be handled direct from car to lighter or to storage space. In addition to expediting the movement of freight through the terminal, this improvement will effect economies by the earlier release of cars.

Improvements at the Bronx Terminal, New York City, at 149th Street and Harlem River, increasing its capacity from 27 cars to 171 cars, were completed during the year. This terminal is now one of the most efficient in the territory. In addition to the improvements described as under way in the last report, three platforms for the unloading of automobiles were constructed and an additional crane for handling heavy freight was installed.

As a result of the demand for facilities for the handling of freight containers for use in less carload merchandise traffic, your Company installed crane facilities at its 27th Street Yard, New York City, and Scott Street Station, Buffalo. Similar facilities at Newark and Wilkes-Barre were under construction at the close of the year.

At the Wilson Avenue freight station in Newark a new office and platform were constructed and a new office and freight house were built at Suspension Bridge. Improved freight handling facilities were also provided at New York, Jersey City, Newark, Perth Amboy, Phillipsburg, Easton, Bethlehem, Hazleton, Fair Haven, Cazenovia, Moravia, DeRuyter, Rochester and Buffalo.

Additional tracks to facilitate the efficient handling of business were installed at Jersey City, Bayonne, Newark, South Plainfield, Landsdown, East Penn Junction, Catasauqua, Hazleton, Laddsburg, Towanda, Skinners Eddy, Owego, Wadsworth, Manchester and Tifft Terminal, Buffalo, while new industrial tracks were constructed to provide facilities for business concerns at Jersey City, Bayonne, Hillside, Perth Amboy, Lincoln, Phillipsburg, Easton, Allentown, Coplay, White Haven, Wilkes-Barre, Forty Fort, Coxton, Leonards, Oaks Corners, Ithaca, Elmira, Rochester, Buffalo and Suspension Bridge.

The freight carrying equipment of your railroad was increased during the year by the receipt of 502 seventy-ton coal cars; 500 fifty-five-ton box cars; 200 fifty-ton automobile cars and an oil-electric locomotive for switching service at the Bronx Terminal, New York City.

Passenger equipment was increased by the addition of eight gas-electric motor cars and eight trailer cars for use with these motors, making a total of 19 motor cars and 14 trailers in service.

Work equipment was increased by the addition of 35 dump cars.

New York Harbor equipment was increased by 3 steel platform floats, each with a capacity of 12 cars, and a gasoline hoist derrick lighter.

The new trunk telephone line between New York and Buffalo, described in the last report, was completed and put in service.

Creosoted ties placed in the track during the year totaled 343,148. At the end of the year 78% of all the ties in main, branch and side tracks were creosoted.

New 136-lb rail was laid a distance of 27¾ track miles during the year and 85.8% of your Company's main line between Jersey City and Buffalo is now equipped with this rail, the heaviest used by any railroad.

Automatic train control apparatus was installed on a second passenger division so that a total of 658 miles of track of the main line of your company is now equipped with automatic train control.

To meet government requirements for a clearance of thirty-five feet above mean low tide, construction of a new bridge and approaches across Newark Bay has been started and the work is well under way. As the result of the increased elevation of the new bridge, it has become necessary to raise Oak Island Yards, Newark. At the same time, it was decided to enlarge and improve these yards in order to meet traffic requirements. A new freight transfer and an engine terminal are being included in the improvements.

Work on the new double track tunnel through Musconetcong Mountain, immediately south of the present tunnel, made satisfactory progress. This new tunnel is 4,850 feet long and when completed will provide ample clearance for the largest locomotives and cars. The headings, which are being driven from both sides of the mountain, at the close of the year were 1,646 feet apart. It is expected that the work will be finished by the end of 1928.

### GENERAL REMARKS

Confronted with an extraordinary decrease in coal traffic and, in the latter part of the year, with declines in merchandise freight and passenger traffic, the management of your Company, nevertheless, went ahead with its normal improvement program in 1927, deeming it to the best interest of the stockholders to continue with the development of the property, putting it in shape to meet future demands upon it. By discontinuing all improvements and deferring some maintenance, it would have been possible to have shown larger earnings. As has been pointed out, expenditures of more than \$11,000,000 were made for Capital Account and work of this character carries with it heavy charges to Operating Expenses. With its adequate terminals and the improvements along its line, the Lehigh Valley is now equipped to handle 35% to 50% additional business without a proportional increase in expenses.

Coal mining conditions, generally, at the beginning of 1928, are complex, but the anthracite situation is one for the utmost concern. The price at which anthracite is selling, the impression of uncertainty of supply the public has gained as a result of the series of strikes which has marked recent history in the industry and the steady drive on the part of manufacturers of substitutes have affected the situation adversely. Anthracite producers have come face to face with the fact that they can dispose of their product only under the strongest competitive conditions. So far as the future is concerned, it is apparent that the leaders of the anthracite industry are keenly alive to conditions and are making vigorous efforts to improve them.

Your Company was particularly fortunate during a year such as 1927 proved to be in locating on its rails 97 new industries, including 87 with direct track connections. A total of 15½ miles of new track were built to serve the industries thus located. It is worthy of special mention that a new cold and dry storage warehouse, with docking space for vessels of the Great Lakes, has been constructed directly on Lake Erie at Tifft Terminal, Buffalo, on a site purchased from your Company. The properties of your Company held for development at Buffalo, at Industrial Hillside, Newark, and elsewhere, continued to attract attention and several propositions were under negotiations at the close of the year.

Included in this report will be found a new map of the Lehigh Valley Railroad. It will afford stockholders a better idea of their property and calls attention particularly to the opportunities it offers for the location of industrial enterprises.

F. L. Blendinger, Vice President-Operation, retired because of ill health and E. H. Boles, Vice President and General Counsel, resigned to enter other business. G. H. Foster was promoted to Vice President-Operation and R. W. Barrett to Vice President and General Counsel.

To employes of your Company are due thanks for their faithful work during the year.

E. E. LOOMIS,
President.

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Table 1

### GENERAL BALANCE SHEET

ASSETS		
Investments:		•
In road(See Note below)	\$38,686,806.37	
In equipment	74,560,150.41	
		\$113,246,956.78
Improvements on leased railway property		1,850,742.87
Sinking Funds		10,450.00
Miscellaneous physical property		2,147,952.73
Stocks	\$53,520,689.28	
Bonds	20,856,130.00	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •
Advances	27,136,265.48	
		101,513,084.76
Other investments:		
Stocks	\$685,684.45	
Bonds	4,001,892.83	
Notes	62,996.88	
Miscellaneous	5,722.00	4,756,296.16
Total investments		223,525,483.30
Current Assets:	\$4,570,187.56	
Cash	32,925.75	
Loans and bills receivable	2,441.65	
Traffic and car-service balances receivable	514,447.84	
Net balance receivable from agents and conductors	1,019,793.06	
Miscellaneous accounts receivable	1,436,619.43	
Material and supplies	6,523,266.94	
Interest and dividends receivable	112,925.02	
Rents receivable	7,384.56 316,653.60	
Other current assets		
Total current assets	•••••	14,536,645.4
Deferred Assets:		
Working fund advances	\$113,059.60	
Insurance and other funds	57,606.47	
Other deferred assets	1,004.29	
Total deferred assets		171,670.3
UNADJUSTED DEBITS: Rents and insurance premiums paid in advance	\$18,056.57	
Other unadjusted debits	2,778,921.74	
Total unadjusted debits		2,796,978.3
Total Assets		\$241,030,777.3

Note:—The item Investment in Road represents only road property of Lehigh Valley Railroad Company proper (Phillipsburg, N. J., to Wilkes-Barre, Pa.). The total road and equipment investment of the system, including transportation subsidiaries, owned by your Company, is \$256,008,658.42.

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### **DECEMBER 31, 1927**

LIABILITIES		
rock: Common stock	\$60,501,700.00	
Preferred stock	106,300.00	
Total stock outstanding		\$60,608,000.00
ONG-TERM DEBT:	\$117,936,000.00 40,686,000.00	
Less—Funded debt held in treasury		
Total long-term debt outstanding		77,250,000.00
Current Liabilities:	\$128,879.42	
Traffic and car-service balances payable  Audited accounts and wages payable	7,199,433.95	
Missellaneous accounts payable	282,504.99	
Interest matured unnaid	405,323.75	
Dividends matured unnaid	15,595.48	
Funded debt matured unnaid	15,000.00	
Immetured dividends declared	1,061,437.25	
I I most used interest accrued	526,155.01	
Themselved corted	513,824.74	
Other current liabilities	. 335,888.89	
Total current liabilities		10,484,043.48
Deferred Liabilities:	\$38,064.47	
Liability for provident funds  Other deferred liabilities	279,127.20	
Total deferred liabilities		317,191.67
Unadjusted Credits:	φ1 F11 006 42	
The Habities	\$1,511,096.43 25,636,377.62	
Accrued depreciation—Equipment	1,869,249.33	
Other unadjusted credits	1,009,249.55	-
Total unadjusted credits		29,016,723.3
Corporate Surplus:	\$227,113.34	
Additions to property through income and surplus	00,127,700.01	
Total corporate surplus		63,354,818.8
		\$241,030,777.3

Table 2

Statement of Securities of Affiliated Operated Companies Owned, December 31, 1927

Kind	PAR VALUE				
GNIA	PLEDGED	Unpledged	TOTAL		
STOCKS:					
Bay Shore Connecting Railroad Co		\$27,900.00	\$27,900.00		
Delaware, Susquehanna & Schuylkill Rail Road Co	\$565,000.00	1,500,000.00	1,500,000.00 565,000.00		
Lehigh & New York Railroad Co.—Preferred Lehigh & New York Railroad Co.—Common	3,353,130.00		3,353,130.00		
Lehigh Valley Harbor Terminal Railway Co	155,100.00	100.000.00	155,100.00 100.000.00		
Lehigh Valley Railroad Co. of New Jersey	20,433,000.00		20,433,000.00		
Loyalsock Railroad Co	11,745,000.00 825,000.00		11,745,000.00 825.000.00		
Montrose Railroad Co	1,511,550.00	100,000.00	100,000.00		
Schuylkill & Lehigh Valley Railroad Co	500,000.00		1,511,550.00 500,000.00		
Miscellaneous	***************************************	8,500.00	8,500.00		
	\$39,087,780.00	\$1,736,400.00	\$40,824,180.00		
Bonds:		*050 000 00	*050 000 00		
Easton & Northern Railroad Co., First Mortgage Easton & Northern Railroad Co., Debentures	\$23,000.00	\$250,000.00	\$250,000.00 23,000.00		
Greenville & Hudson Railway Co., First Mortgage		350,000.00 125,000.00	350,000.00 125,000.00		
Lehigh-Buffalo Terminal Railway Corp'n, First Mortgage		5,000,000.00	5,000,000.00		
Lehigh Valley Railroad Co. of New Jersey, Debentures Lehigh Valley Rail Way Co., Debentures	3.310 000.00 6,643,000.00		3,310,000.00 6,643,000.00		
Lehigh Valley Terminal Railway Co., First Mortgage		1,000.00	1,000.00		
Loyalsock Railroad Co., Debentures	35,000.00	410.000.00	35,000.00 410.000.00		
Montrose Railroad Co., First Mortgage Montrose Railroad Co., Debentures		100,000.00	100,000.00		
Penna, & New York Canal & Railroad Co. Debentures	1.640,000.00	12,000.00	12,000.00 1,640.000.00		
Rochester Southern Railroad Co., First Mortgage. Schuylkill & Lehigh Valley Railroad Co., First Mortgage		425,000.00	425,000.00		
Schuylkill & Lehigh Valley Railroad Co., Debentures	6,000.00	2,000,000.00	2,000,000.00 6.000.00		
Seneca County Railway, First Mortgage		500,000.00	500,000.00		
Grand Total	\$11,657,000.00 a \$50,744,780.00	\$9.173,000.00	\$20,830.000.00		
Book Value of the above securities	\$47.819.538.78	\$10,909,400.00	\$61,654.180.00 \$58,728,938,78		
	,	+30,505,100100	430,720,730.78		

Note:—As the income from the operation of these properties is included in the Income Account of the Lehigh Valley Railroad Co., no dividends or interest are received on these securities.

### Statement of Other Securities Owned.

Kind		PAR VALUE		DIVIDENDS
MIND	PLEDGED	UNPLEDGED	TOTAL	AND INTEREST
STOCKS:				
Buffalo Creek Railroad Co		\$125,000.00	\$125.000.00	\$8,750,00
Coxe Bros. & Co., Incorporated		2,910.150.00	2,910.150.00	97,602.94
Ironton Railroad Co		120.000.00 400.000.00	120,000.00 400,000.00	12,000.00
Lehigh & Hudson River Railway Co		572.800.00	572.800.00	68,736,00
National Storage Co		240,000,00	240,000,00	00,730.00
New York & Middle Coal Field Railroad & Coal Co		1,216.325.00	1,216.325.00	105.000.00
Wyoming Valley Water Supply Co		1,686,900.00	1,686,900.00	125,000.00
Total		5,327.45	5.327.45	6,840.00
	******	\$7,276.502.45	\$7,276,502.45	\$423,928.94
Bonds:				
Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Co., Ten Year Secured 6%		\$435,000.00	\$435,000.00	\$26,100,00
Chicago. St. Paul. Minn. & Omaha Rwy. Co., Consolidated Mortgage 6%.		233,000.00	233.000.00	13,980.00
Cleveland, Cinn., Chicago & St. Louis R. R. Co., 4½% and 6% Erie Railroad Co., Consolidated External 7%		469,000.00 250,000.00	469,000.00	26 265.00
New York State Realty and Terminal Co., 4½% Mortgage		150 000.00	250,000.00 150,000.00	17,500.00
rennsylvania K. K. Co., Ten Year Secured 7% Gold		225,000.00	225.000.00	6,750.00 15,750.00
South Carolina & Georgia Rwy, Co., First Mortgage 51/6%		175,000.00	175 000.00	9,625,00
St. Louis & San Francisco Rwy, Co., Prior Lien 6%		527,000.00	527,000.00	31,620,00
Equipment frust Certificates		669,000.00	669,000.00	41.540.00
Miscellaneous Interest Received on Bonds Sold	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	824,900.00	824,900.00	42.210.00
		***************************************		160,609.34
Total		\$3.957 900.00	\$3,957,900.00	\$391,949.34
Other Securities		\$5.722.00	\$5,722.00	
Total Bonds and Other Securities		\$3.963,622.00	\$3.963 622.00	ь \$391,949.34
Grand Total		\$11,240.124.45	\$11 240.124.45	\$815.878.28
Book Value of the above securities		\$20.404,176.66	\$20.404,176.66	

a Pledged under Lebigh Valley Railroad Company General Consolidated Mortgage of Sept. 30, 1903.
b Total interest received on Bonds and Other Securities \$391,949,34 does not agree with the Income from Funded Securities as shown on the Income Statement, Page 15, inasmuch as "Interest during Construction," \$125,674.08 is not included in this table.

Statement of Funded Debt, December 31, 1927

Table 3

						INTEREST	
DESCRIPTION	Date of Issue	DATE OF MATURITY	IN TREASURY OF THE COMPANY	In Hands of The Public	RATE	PAYABLE	Accrued During the Year
LEHIGH VALLEY RAILROAD COMPANY: First Mortgage Bonds	15, 1	June 1, 1948	0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0	\$5,000,000	6%	and	\$200,000.00 603,720.00
Consolidated Mortgage Bonds*  *General Consolidated Mortgage Bonds	Nov. 13, 1873 Sept. 30, 1903	Perpetual May 1, 2003	\$12,686,000 1,000,000 24,400,000	2,538,000 26,953,000 20,697,000 12,000,000	%4 14 %8 %8 %%%	June and Dec. May and Nov. May and Nov. May and Nov.	1,078,120,00 1,078,120,00 931,365,00 1,0600,000,00
Consoldated Real Estate Company: First Mortgage Bonds	Feb. 1, 1906	Feb. 1, 1956.	2,600,000		4%	Feb. and Aug.	
Total Funded Debt and Interest			\$40,686,000	\$77,250,000			\$3,527,415.00

\*Amount of authorized issue, \$150,000,000. [Excludes interest on securities in the Treasury.

Table 4

Guaranties and Rentals, Year Ended December 31, 1927

INTALS	ACCRUED DURING THE YEAR	\$499,950.00 2,250.00 200,000.00	120,000.00	9,375.00 9,500.00 135,000.00 500,000.00	80,000.00	\$2,298,575.00	40,000.00 2,000.00 11,883.96	\$2,352,458.96
GUARANTIES AND RENTALS	PAYABLE	April and Oct. May and Nov. April and Oct.	and	June and Dec. May and Nov. Mar. and Sept. Feb. and Aug.	Mar. and Sept.			
	RATE	2,14 %%2,	41,4 %% %%%	5% 4½% 5% 5%	4%			
TT	IN HANDS OF THE PUBLIC	\$9,999,000	3,000,000 15,000,000	375,000 190,000 3,000,000 10,000,000	2,000,000	\$49,114,000		
	DATE OF MATURITY	Oct. 1, 1941 Nov. 1, 1935	April 1, 1939 July 1, 1940	June 29, 1931 Nov. 1, 1942 Mar. 1, 1957 Feb. 1, 1954	Sept. 1, 1945			
	DATE OF ISSUE	Oct. 1, 1891 Oct. 7, 1895	Nov. 13, 1888 June 23, 1890	June 29, 1926 Aug. 26, 1892 Mar. 1, 1907 Feb. 1, 1924	Aug. 24, 1895			
	Guaranyiës	ENTRE CAPITAL STOCK OWNED: Lehigh Valley Terminal Railway Co., First Mortgage Bonds Easton & Northern Railroad Co., First Mortgage Bonds	Penna. & N. Y. Canal & Railroad Co., Consolidated Mortgage Bonds  The Lehigh Valley Rail Way Co., First Mortgage Bonds	The Lehigh Valley Rail Way Co., Mortgage on Mott Haven Froperty, N. Y. City.  Middlesex Valley Railroad Co., First Mortgage Bonds.  The Lehigh & Lake Erie Railroad Co., First Mortgage Bonds.  I shigh Valley Harbor Terminal Railway Co., First Mortgage Bonds.	MAJORITY CAPITAL STOCK OWNED: Lehigh & New York Railroad Co., First Mortgage Bonds	Total	RENTALS—LINES Nor Owned: State Line and Sullivan Railroad Co Raritan Terminal and Transportation Co Now. Vorly Central Railroad Co.	Total Interest and Rentals

### ADDITIONS AND BETTERMENTS, ENTIRE SYSTEM, YEAR ENDED

### DECEMBER 31, 1927

### Table 5

	Expenditures AND CHARGES	RETIREMENTS	Net Amount
Frainceing	\$125,864.78	\$110.96	\$125,753.82
Engineering Land for transportation purposes	593,440.11	39,614.95	553,825.16
Grading	886,884.47	12,197.74	874,686.73
Tunnels and subways	1,409,164.22		1,409,164.22
Bridges, trestles and culverts	477,803.98	3,230.67	474,573.31
Ties	70,778.40	10,247.92	60,530.48
Rails	169,523.67	10,240.97	159,282.70
Other track material.	242,414.81	8,001.57	234,413.24
Ballast	161,176.98	1,384.60	159,792.38
Track laying and surfacing	113,544.05	10,001.70	103,542.35
Assessments for public improvements	20,321.26		20,321.26
Roadway small tools	452.32		452.32
Crossings and signs.	48,763.08	7,505.10	41,257.98
Station and office buildings.	405,061.57	22,377.06	382,684.51
Roadway buildings	40,288.05	5,095.00	35,193.05
Water stations	16,879.96		16,879.96
Fuel stations	62,210.47	17,042.89	45,167.58
Shops and engine houses	281,899.81	7,247.50	274,652.31
Grain elevators	4,302.77		4,302.77
Wharves and docks	790,566.83	1,625.14	788,941.69
Coal and ore wharves	10,590.15		10,590.15
Telegraph and telephone lines	158,855.67		158,855.67
Signals and interlockers	214,753.40	3,092.41	211,660.99
Power plant buildings	6,428.67		6,428.67
Power transmission systems	9,835.18	980.00	8,855.18
Power distribution systems	25,760.51		25,760.51
Power line poles and fixtures	16,012.01		16,012.01
Miscellaneous structures	2,925.80		2,925.80
Roadway machines	9,920.31		9,920.31
Other expenditures—road	11,043.55		11,043.55
Shop machinery	162,469.56	13,451.23	149,018.33
Power sub-station apparatus		3,411.50	3,411.50
Steam locomotives	268,705.61	407,076.72	138,371.11
Other locomotives	52,800.00		52,800.00
Freight train cars	3,159,904.39	865,262.47	2,294,641.92
Passenger train cars	396,647.96	139,158.58	257,489.38
Motor equipment of cars	235,006.40		235,006.40
Floating equipment	288,071.90	3,325.00	284,746.90
Work equipment	339,300.09	123,823.03	215,477.06
Miscellaneous equipment	10,593.35	2,424.13	8,169.22
General expenditures	562,932.40	10.47	562,921.93
Total	\$11,863,898.50	\$1,717,939.31	\$10,145,959.19

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# LEHIGH VALLEY RAILROAD COMPANY EQUIPMENT (Entire System) AS OF DECEMBER 31, 1927

### Table 6

Table 6	
Locomotives: (Includes two oil-electric switch engines) Tractive power (pounds)	39,079,965
Passenger Equipment: Passenger Combined passenger and baggage Combined passenger and baggage (Gasoline Motor) Combined passenger and baggage (Gasoline-Electric Motor)	233 44 2 11 1 22
Combined baggage and mail Combined baggage and mail (Gasoline-Electric Motor) Combined mail, baggage and passenger (Gasoline-Electric Motor) Baggage and express Baggage and express (Gasoline-Electric Motor)	2 2 171 1 15 1
Dining Kitchen Library buffet Milk Total	172 680
FREIGHT EQUIPMENT:  Box Coal Gondola Flat Refrigerator Automobile Ice Well Set of gun and armor trucks. Cabooses	12,092 14,185 2,650 35 24 904 352 3 1 422 30,668
Total	
Work Equipment: Air-brake instruction. Air-dump Ash Coal Derrick Flat Gondola Grading Hospital Locomotive cranes. Official Pile driver Poling Rail loader Scale-test Snow flangers. Snow flangers. Snow plows. Spreader Steam shovels Tank Tool Tunnel Unloader Workmen's Work equipment tenders  Total	10 4 2 3 3 32 2 1 1 390
FLOATING EQUIPMENT: Tugs Steam lighters	16 4 27
Steam lighters. Hoists Barges Car floats. Service boats.	170
Total	. 261

### 1927

### LEHIGH VALLEY RAILROAD COMPANY

### MILEAGE OF ROAD AND TRACK OPERATED, DECEMBER 31, 1927

### Table 7

### By Corporate Ownership

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	MILES OF ROAD	Second Track Miles	THIRD TRACK MILES	Fourth Track Miles	INDUS- TRIAL TRACK MILES	YARD TRACKS &SIDINGS MILES	Total Track Miles
Lehich Valley Railroad Company	278.66	186.99	43.79	29.99	112.92	259.03	911.38
CONTROLLED BY OWNERSHIP OF ENTIRE CAPITAL STOCK: Lehigh Valley Railroad Company of New Jersey Pennsylvania and New York Canal and Railroad Com-	121.51	91.16	38.14	18.25	51.45	237.19	557.70
pany The Lehigh Valley Rail Way Company	123.56 514.91	97.94 197.50	4.78 15.82	2.03	54.52 35.19	186.63 317.63	469.46 1,081.05
The Delaware, Susquehanna and Schuylkill Rail Road Company Easton & Northern Railroad Company	10.70 12.78	8.03			13.12 4.00	3.81 1.26	35.66 18.04
The Schuylkill and Lehigh Valley Railroad Company Loyalsock Railroad Company	41.84 44.95				3.08 4.41	5.15 5.27	50.07 54.63 31.12
Montrose Railroad Company	27.36	1		f .	1.50	2.26 7.90 10.99	8.66 10.99
Lehigh Valley Harbor Terminal Railway Company Total	897.61	394.63	58.74	20.28	168.03	778.09	2,317.38
CONTROLLED BY OWNERSHIP OF MAJORITY OF CAPITAL STOCK AND LEASE:							
Lehigh and New York Railroad Company	115.37				8.70	32.34	156.41
OPERATED UNDER LEASE: State Line and Sullivan Railroad Company Hayts Corners, Ovid and Willard Railroad Company	24.03 2.98				1.10 .20	2.62	27.75 3.18
New York Central Railroad Company Raritan Terminal and Transportation Company					.60	12.65	.60
Total	27.01				1.90	15.27	44.18
OPERATED UNDER AGREEMENT JOINTLY WITH THE CENTRAL RAILROAD COMPANY OF NEW JERSEY: Bay Shore Connecting Railroad Company				,	2.77 .07		2.77 .19
Total	.12				2.84		2.96
TRACKAGE RIGHTS: Pennsylvania Railroad Company. Peoples Railway Company. Delaware and Hudson Company.	3.47					3.94	38.44 3.47 3.94
Erie and Wyoming Valley Railroad Company Lehigh and New England Railroad Company Susquehanna and New York Railroad Company	4 01	.88				1.18	.88 1.18 4.01
Mountain Spring Water Ice Company					.84 .50		.84 .50
Middle Lehigh Coal Company					1.00	.08	2.42 1.08
Western New York and Pennsylvania Railway Company Erie Railroad Company	1					.34 1.52	.10 .34 1.52
New York Central Railroad Company	17.30	15.09	1.48		27.57	24.06 5.93	85.50 5.93
Reading Company	45.02	34.27	1.48		33.10	37.05	150.92
Grand Total	1,363.79	615.89	104.01	50.27	327.49	1,121.78	3,583.23
Mileage by States: Pennsylvania New York New Jersey	573.27 651.86 138.66	293.79 213.79 108.31	48.57 17.30 38.14	32.02	200.25 71.75 55.49	471.18 395.81 254.79	1,619.08 1,350.51 613.64
Total	1,363.79	615.89	104.01	50.27	327.49	1,121.78	3,583.23

# LEHIGH VALLEY RAILROAD COMPANY INCOME STATEMENT

For the Years Ended December 31, 1927 and 1926

Table 8

Decrease		\$3,320,641.98 1,552,809.95 1,572.95 225,660.26 \$5,950,331.06	\$866.062.97 \$10,032.21 658,846.22 7,806.45	\$1,688.243.57	\$7,20,464.69 2,153.66	\$3,966,837.40	\$17.341.48 120.905.51 1,316.282.33 52.482.33 51,705.26 \$1,705.26	\$5,495,060.81	\$194,452.91
INCREASE	60.	\$11,751.39	\$58.853.05 22.140.42 73,510.81		\$312.885.66		\$30,460.50		\$10,419.51 25,387.62 376,691.23 43,589,79 \$260,045,24
Per Cent. of Operating Revenues		28 3 10 10 10 100	211 22 39 39	76					
1926	1,363.76	\$22,870,174.69 2,274,315.89 41,683,10143 7,936,046.96 1,362,802,186 2,892,728.73 1,171,204.61 \$80,453,149.97	\$9,176,528.61 17,190,979.84 1,573,920.64 30,935,757.84 421,558.84 1,674,231.59	\$60,958,635.52	\$19,494,514.45 \$4,193,976.29 11,800.48 1,588,1096	\$13,802,604.73	\$233.756.90 374.396.43 1,740.211.27 570.072.75 199.142.71 46.441.30	\$16,966,626.09	\$2.342.039.45 \$321.659.41 \$3.534.005.00 \$3.529.005.00 \$3.123.66 \$184.971.08 \$6,945.513.10
PER CENT. OF OPERATING REVENUES		256 100 100 100 100 100 100 100 100 100 10	231 4 2 3 11 2 4 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	80					
1927	1,363.85	\$19,549.532.71 1,527.885.69 40,085.291.48 7,688.474.01 3,19,521.19 1,324.597.72 2,667.068.47 1,295.477.64 \$74,502.818.91	\$8,310,465.64 16,880,947.63 1,632,773.69 30,276,911.62 443,648.83 1,747,748.83 1,747,748.83	\$59,270,391,95	\$15,232,426.96 \$3,473.511.60 9,646.82 1,901.696.62	40 835 767 33	\$216.415.42 253.4290.92 423.928.94 517.623.42 147.437.45	\$1.635.797.95	\$2,352,458.96 \$47,047.03 340,260.99 3,527,415.00 4,09,314.89 228.561.47 \$7,205,558.34 \$4,266,006.94
	AVERAGE MILES OF ROAD OPERATED	OPERATING REVENUES: Anthracite coal freight revenue Bituminous coal freight revenue Bituminous coal freight revenue Passenger revenue Mail revenue Express revenue Other transportation revenue Incidental revenue Total Operating Revenues	OPERATING EXPENSES:  Maintenance of way and structures.  Maintenance of equipment.  Traffic expenses.  Miscellancous operations.  General expenses.	Total Operating Expenses	NET OPERATING REVENUE  DEDUCTIONS FROM REVENUE  Railway tax accruals  Uncollectible railway revenues  Forinment rents—net	Joint facility rents-net	NET RAILWAY OPERATING INCOME  OTHER INCOME.  Misc. non-operating physical property Sparately operated properties—profit. Dividend income Income from funded securities Income from unfunded securities and accounts. Miscelanous income	Total Other Income	DEDUCTIONS FROM INCOME: Rent for leased roads. Miscellaneous tax accruals. Interest on tunded debt. Interest on unfunded debt. Miscellaneous income chaffes. Total Deductions from Income.

Operating Revenues and Expenses, by Months, for the Year Ended December 31, 1927

# RAILWAY OPERATING REVENUES

Table 9

Total Rallway Operating Revenues	\$5,815,977,34 5,518,693.85 6,159,736.35 6,363,684.49 6,874,174.88 6,490,007.72 5,364,544.41 7,015,476.91 6,690,730.57 6,692,709.89 6,060,543.96 5,447,548.84	\$74,502,818.91	Net Revenue	FROM RAILWAY OPERATIONS	\$626,928.95 992,539.18 1,079,175.79 1,449,445.81 1,749,286.95 1,641,129.37 534,197.71 1,930,361.28 1,642,101.97 1,465,875.79 1,156,663.13	\$15,232,426.96
Incidental	\$126,539.16 124,332.99 152,056.01 116,223.25 94,377.22 118,017.12 121,298.11 95,115.70 91,529.72 85,881.16 86,670.46	\$1,295,477.64		TOTAL RAILWAY OPERATING EXPENSES	\$5,189,048.39 \$5,26,154.67 5,080,560,56 4,914,238.68 5,124,887.63 4,884,878.35 4,884,878.35 4,884,878.35 4,884,878.35 4,884,878.35 6,048,628.60 5,226,834.10 5,226,834.10 4,503,880.83 4,455,827.81	\$59,270,391.95
Other Transportation	\$79,858.34 57,848.23 68,246.11 76,256.44 80,173.70 71,143.85 58,06241 75,641.84 65,291.92 38,255.27 39,504.41 57,944.91	\$768,227.43		Transportation for Investment—Cr.	\$9,567.21 2,279.28 1,611.80 237.08 621.98 772.77 453.08 1,243.10 3,253.13 988.96 882.25 187.22	\$22,097.86
Other Passenger Train	\$154,676.23 142,183.79 162,199.51 165,965.12 187,096.51 188,161.15 16.866.93 176,971.44 135,888.75 137,849.36 138,268.94	\$1,898,841.04		General	\$192,663,68 142,905,72 142,085,43 142,156,70 133,204,00 145,761,07 146,029,41 139,545,71 140,414,64 142,581,91 141,274,70 139,119,43	\$1,747,742.40
Express	\$80,823.07 86,942.89 127,825.38 127,894.60 98,527.78 93,680.64 80,861.68 112,223.32 1139,300.98 112,229.41 119,851.59	\$1,324,597.72	EXPENSES	Miscellaneous Operations	\$35,026.21 30,446.23 31,003.85 33,871.87 39,098.47 39,098.47 43,153.56 42,790.45 37,645.36 34,463.70 36,306.10	\$443,648.83
Mail	\$25,149.38 26,498.33 25,054.11 25,114.88 27,817.38 25,167.99 26,426.08 27,567.83 25,332.50 25,332.50 25,332.50 34,964.55	\$319,521.19	OPERATING	Transportation	\$2,777,997.07 2,464,779.36 2,648,477.27 2,553,742.22 2,640,163.76 2,389,130.58 2,324,599.20 2,422,600.96 2,506,508.39 2,667,443.28 2,567,443.28 2,567,443.28	\$30,276,911.62
Passenger	\$642,084.72 \$507,080.63 \$20,904.74 617,740.54 626,207.12 692,111.20 792,029.27 738,344.44 \$83,624.08 536,087.22 642,178.15	\$7,688,474.01	RAILWAY	Тгатс	\$136,890.14 129,873.02 134,720.08 135,104.53 134,977.06 136,294.52 136,237.77 136,537.77 136,666 140,779.85 135,559.64	\$1,632,773.69
Merchandise Freight	\$2,954,908.88 2,981,983.76 3,450,483.74 3,388.547.99 3,610.828.74 3,418,924.33 3,633.103.49 3,556,067.23 3,671,424.44 3,504,067.24 3,504,067.24	\$40,085,291.48		Maintenance of Equipment	\$1,486,294,10 1,246,4297,3 1,480,927,71 1,46,669,32 1,459,780,61 1,413,733,92 1,437,847,80 1,447,455,70 1,491,624,99 1,448,584,93 1,448,584,93 1,448,584,93 1,448,584,93	\$16,830,947.63
Coal Freight	\$1,751,937.56 1,591,758.87 1,652.96.75 1,845,941.67 2,149,146.13 1,089,091.90 2,137,232.35 1,936,739.70 2,007,965.70 1,618,429.69 1,444,349.97	\$21,122,388.40		Maintenance of Way and Structures	\$569,744.40 513,998.89 544,978.02 702,931.12 718,285,71 758,070.30 877,878.37 906,944.19 781,275.64 751,830.86 544,408.47 540,118.67	\$8,310,465.64
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General Operating Results for the Years Ended December 31, 1927 and 1926

Table 10

	1927	1926	INCREASE or Decrease	PER CENT.	
TRAIN AND LOCOMOTIVE MILEAGE					
evenue freight train miles—locomotive	6,788,408	7,142,993	354,585	4.96	
evenue passenger train miles—locomotive	3,044,958	3,474,200	429,242	12.36	
evenue milk and express train miles—locomotive	942,754	1,039,292	96,538	9.29	
evenue mixed train miles—locomotive	100,734	98,900	1,834	1.85	
evenue special train miles—locomotive	6,708	6,067	641	10.57	
Total revenue service train miles—locomotive	10,883,562	11,761,452	877,890	7.46	
evenue freight train miles—motor	1,188	1,366	178	13.03	
evenue passenger train miles—motor	767,633	245,422	522,211	212.78	
evenue mixed train miles—motor	40,455	42,272	1,817	4.30	
Total revenue service train miles—motor	809,276	289,060	520,216	179.97	
Total revenue service train miles—motor	11,692,838	12,050,512	357,674	2.97	
Total revenue service train miles	1,509,693	1,702,986	193,293	11.33	
Ielping and light freight locomotive miles	576,995	564,742	12,253	2.1	
delping and light passenger locomotive miles	3,500	7,023	3,523	50.1	
Telping and light mixed locomotive miles	1,036	1,447	411	28.4	
Ielping and light special locomotive miles	12,974,786	14,037,650	1,062,864	7.5	
otal revenue service locomotive miles, excluding switching and motor	5,560,405	5,664,370	103,965	1.8	
witching locomotive miles	18,535,191	19,702,020	1,166,829	5.9	
Total revenue service locomotive miles, excluding motor	773,056	808,001	34,945	4.3	
Jon-revenue service locomotive miles	773,030		01,110		
Per cent. helping and light of revenue service locomotive miles,	16.12	16.21	.09	.5	
excluding switching and motor	10.12	20,22			
CAR MILEAGE					
	208,907,659	224,093,253	15,185,594	6.7	
Freight car mileage—loaded	118,636,462	120,122,769	1,486,307	1.2	
Freight car mileage—empty	7,168,173	7,547,269	379,096	5.0	
Freight car mileage—caboose	334,712,294	351,763,291	17,050,997	4.	
Total freight car miles		30.92	.62	2.	
Average number of loaded freight cars per train	30.30	16.57	.63	3.	
Average number of empty freight cars per train	17.20	47.49	.01		
Average number of all freight cars per train	47.50	63.71	1.30	2.	
Per cent. loaded of total car miles	62.41	34.15	1.30	3.	
Per cent. empty of total car miles	35.45	2.14	1.00	0.	
Per cent, caboose of total car miles	2.14		477,997	2	
Passenger car miles—including Pullman	19,572,083	19,094,086	1	2.	
Baggage, dining, mail, express and milk car miles	16,963,692	17,465,486	501,794	2.	
Total passenger car miles	36,535,775	36,559,572	23,797		
Average number of passenger train cars per passenger train	7.65	7.65	7 400	12	
Special revenue service car miles	60,475	53,342	7.133	13	
Non-revenue service car miles	1,159,401	1,225,619	66,218	5.	

### General Traffic Results for the Years Ended December 31, 1927 and 1926

Table 11

	1927	1926	Increase or Decrease	Per Cent.
Average miles of road operated	1,363.85	1,363.76	.09	.01
FREIGHT TRAFFIC		J		
Tons of revenue freight carried.  Tons of company freight carried.  Tons of all freight carried.  Tons of revenue coal carried one mile.  Tons of revenue merchandise carried one mile.  Tons of company freight carried one mile.  Tons of all freight carried one mile.  Tons of revenue freight carried one mile per mile of road.  Average distance revenue freight carried—in miles.  Revenue from freight.  Average revenue per ton carried  Average revenue per ton per mile—in cents.  Freight revenue per mile of road operated.  Freight revenue per revenue freight train mile.  Tons of revenue freight per revenue freight train.	29,989,190 2,758,434 32,747,624 1,687,562,596 3,575,340,783 179,122,377 5,442,025,756 3,858,858 175.49 \$61,207,679.88 \$2.04-099 1.163 \$44,878.60 \$8.86-619 762.35	31,987,676 2,859,899 34,847,575 2,070,191,458 3,707,401,251 188,179,219 5,965,771,928 4,236,517 180.62 \$66,782,592.01 \$2.08-776 1.156 \$48,969.46 \$9.19-857 795.80	1,998,486 101,465 2,099,951 382,628,862 132,060,468 9,056,842 523,746,172 377,659 5.13 \$5,574,912.13 \$.04-677 .007 \$4,090.86 \$.33-238 33.45	6.25 3.55 6.03 18.48 3.56 4.81 8.78 8.91 2.84 8.35 2.24 .61 8.35 3.61 4.20
Tons of all freight per revenue freight train  Tons of all freight hauled per revenue service locomotive, excluding switching miles	788.30 647.68 26.05	821.72 666.43 26.62	33.42 18.75 .57	4.07 2.81 2.14
Passenger Traffic				
Revenue passengers carried Revenue passengers carried one mile. Revenue passengers carried one mile per mile of road. Average distance carried—in miles. Revenue from passengers. Average revenue per passenger—in cents. Average revenue per passenger per mile—in cents. Average revenue from passengers per passenger train mile (excluding milk and express). Passenger service train revenue Passenger service train revenue per mile of road. Passenger service train revenue per train mile (including milk and express). Average revenue passengers per car	3,354,078 260,220,170 190,798 77.58 \$7,688,474.01 229.228 2.955 \$2.00-227 \$11,231,433.96 \$8,235.09 \$2.34-838	3,722,319 271,921,702 199,391 73.05 \$7,936,046.96 213.202 2.919 \$2.11-908 \$11,477,288.71 \$8,415.92 \$2.39-893 14	368,241 11,701,532 8,593 4.53 \$247,572.95 16.026 .036 \$.11-681 \$245,854.75 \$180.83 \$.05-055	9.89 4.30 4.31 6.20 3.12 7.52 1.23 5.51 2.14 2.15
Average revenue passengers per train (including mixed)	13 68	73	<i>1</i> 5	7.14 6.85
	30			0.03
Revenues and Expenses  Freight and passenger revenue Freight and passenger revenue per mile of road.  Total operating revenues  Total operating revenues per mile of road.  Operating expenses.  Ratio of operating expenses to operating revenues.  Operating expenses per mile of road.  Net operating revenue  Net operating revenue per mile of road.	\$68,896,153.89 \$50,515.93 \$74,502,818.91 \$54,626.84 \$59,270,391.95 79.55% \$43,458.14 \$15,232,426.96 \$11,168.70	\$74,718,638.97 \$54,788.70 \$80,453,149.97 \$58,993.63 \$60,958,635.52 75.77% \$44,698.95 \$19,494,514.45 \$14,294.68	\$5,822,485.08 \$4,272.77 \$5,950,331.06 \$4,366.79 \$1,688,243.57 3.78% \$1,240.81 \$4,262,087.49 \$3,125.98	7.79 7.80 7.40 7.40 2.77 4.99 2.78 21.86 21.87

# Classification of Tonnage for the Years Ended December 31, 1927 and 1926

Table 12

	1927		1926		
Commodity	Tons	PER CENT.	Tons	PER CENT.	
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RODUCTS OF AGRICULTURE:	549,197	1.83	657,280	2.05	
Wheat	123,791	.41	129,852	.41	
Corn	112,233	.37	127,217	.40	
Oats	216,552	.72	107,274	.34	
Other grain	906,101	3.02	966,549	3.02	
Flour and meal	369,988	1.23	349,728	1.09	
Other mill products	138,736	.46	163,565	.51	
Hay, straw and alfalfa	7,835	.03	6,837	.02	
Tobacco	55,508	.19	34,010	.11	
Cotton	8,237	.03	5,888	.02	
Cotton seed and products, except oil	17,172	.06	13,712	.0-	
Citerio fruito	102,720	.34	102,280	.37	
Other fresh fruits	37,941	.13	33,613	.1	
Potatoes	74,920	.25	75,499	.2	
Other fresh vegetables	,	.04	10,228	.0.	
Deied fenits and vegetables	11,926	.34	90,787	.2	
Other products of agriculture	100,602				
Total	2,833,459	9.45	2,874,319	8.9	
Products of Animals:	014	.00	770	.0	
Transport and mules	914	.00	26,594	.0	
Cottle and calves	27,542		1,069	.0	
Shoep and goats	1,122	.00	21,771	.0	
Llogs	25,207		160,137	.5	
The state of the s	162,581	.54	135,748	.4	
Other packing-house products	98,635	.33	23,281	).	
Devilent	27,856	.09	36,019		
Force	31,550	.11	44,873		
Butter and cheese	50,427	.17	8,359		
Wool	9,566	.03	37,679		
Uides and leather	42,786	.14			
Other products of animals	16,406	.06	16,424	1.0	
Total	494,592	1.65	512,724	1.0	
PRODUCTS OF MINES:	11,309,238	37.71	12,349,005	38.	
Anthracite coal	1,916,219	6.39	2,413,058	7.	
Bituminous coal	98,238	.33	220,917		
Coke	988,416	3.30	857,639	2.	
Iron ore	28,568	.09	72,517		
Other ores and concentrates	24,285	.08	22,316		
Base bullion and matte	1,803,188	6.01	1,645,095	5	
Clay, gravel, sand and stone	391	.00	312		
Crude petroleum	168,888	.56	171,750		
Asphaltum	322,920	1.08	319,615	1	
Salt	47,441	.16	18,424		
Total	16,707,792	55.71	18,090,648	56	

Classification of Tonnage for the Years Ended December 31, 1927 and 1926, Continued

Table 12

	1927	7	1926		
COM MODITY —	Tons	Per Cent.	Tons	Per Cent.	
Products of Forests:					
Logs, posts, poles and cord wood	105,817	.35	139,353	.4	
Ties	3,199	.01	2,056	.0	
Pulp Wood	2,804	.01	950	.0	
Lumber, timber, box shooks, staves and headings	460,342	1.54	481,531	1.5	
Other products of forests	50,255	.17	41,249	.1	
Total	622,417	2.08	665,139	2.0	
Market American Ann Market American					
MANUFACTURES AND MISCELLANEOUS:  Refined petroleum and its products	873,484	2.91	779,255	2.4	
Vegetable oils	26,346	.09	21,308	(	
Sugar, sirup, glucose and molasses	153,163	.51	170,203		
Boats and vessel supplies	637	.00	171		
Iron, pig and bloom	254,413	.85	227,913		
Rails and fastenings	38,331	.13	10,779		
Bar and sheet iron, structural iron and iron pipe	882,217	2,94	951,349	2.	
Other metals, pig, bar and sheet	131,913	.44	139,433		
Castings, machinery and boilers	153,208	.51	99,986		
Cement	1,856,024	6.19	1,761,619	5.	
Brick and artificial stone	236,102	.79	209,755		
Lime and plaster	90,556	.30	65,855		
Sewer pipe and drain tile	26,409	.09	2,743		
Agricultural implements and vehicles other than automobiles	54,512	.18	43,558		
Automobiles and autotrucks	316,992	1.06	395,053	1.	
Household goods and secondhand furniture	1,272	.00	1,341		
Furniture (new)	32,496	.11	34,648		
Beverages	24,745	.08	25,868		
Ice	107,603	.36	105,542		
Fertilizers (all kinds)	65,230	.22	41,873		
Paper, printed matter and books	53,383	.18	38,311		
Chemicals and explosives	326,908	1.09	261,023		
Textiles	11,854	.04	11,016		
Canned goods (all canned food products)	150,842	.50	134,078		
Other manufactures and miscellaneous	2,753,949	9.18	3,463,669	10	
Total	8,622,589	28.75	8,996,349	28.	
Grand Total, Carload Traffic	29,280,849	-97.64	31,139,179	97.	
Merchandise—All L. C. L. freight	708,341	2.36	848,497	2.	
Grand Total, Carload and L. C. L. Traffic	29,989,190	. 100.00	31,987,676	100.	

# GENERAL REMARKS TO RAILROAD STOCKHOLDERS

Prospects at the beginning of 1927 indicated there was every reason for expecting a continuation of the success and prosperity of 1926. Troubles in the bituminous coal fields and a serious curtailment in production among some of the automobile manufacturers soon served to produce a hesitancy and caution in general business which the actual conditions did not seem to warrant. Building construction continued along normal lines, crops generally were excellent, there was no serious unemployment and no money stringency. Despite optimism at Washington and the financial centers, business declined materially. Buying, already on a hand-to-mouth basis, largely as a result of the dependable railroad service, became even more restricted. The public apparently decided that it was prudent to avoid commitments and restrict purchases to a minimum.

There is nothing in the outlook for 1928 that is particularly disturbing and there is reason for viewing the coming twelve months with optimism. It is true we are in a Presidential election year, but this should not have any serious effect upon business. Unfortunately, however, past experience has shown that we may encounter uncertainties having a tendency to shake confidence, which, of course, is the foundation of prosperity.

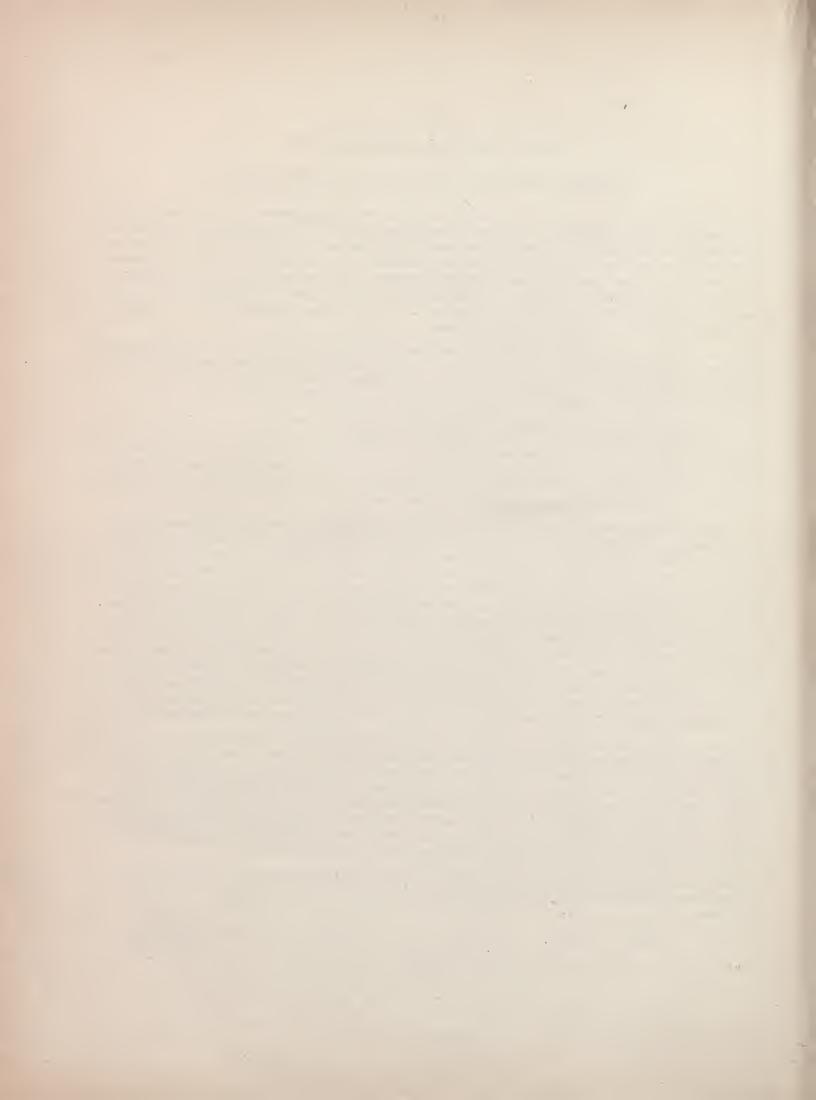
With the railroads prepared to meet all demands which may be made upon them, it is necessary, apparently, to go outside of the industry to find a railroad problem. The question of consolidation—the need for it and the methods by which it may be accomplished—remains unsolved. Undoubtedly, there are reasons why railroads, under certain circumstances, should be unified, and it is only proper that this should be permitted subject to the approval of the Interstate Commerce Commission, which would safeguard the public's interest in such matters and insure the continuance of competition and that quality of service heretofore given.

Aside from this matter of consolidation, those outside the railroad industry concerned about its problems seem most disturbed over freight rates. In 1925, Congress, ostensibly to help the agricultural interests, then facing a serious depression, adopted the Hoch-Smith resolution, providing that the Commission should investigate the country's freight rate structure and then readjust freight rates so that agricultural products and the products of other industries suffering from depression, might be transported at the lowest rates compatible with the maintenance of adequate railroad service. Congress recently has been advised that the Commission thus far has spent a considerable sum on this inquiry, to say nothing of the expenses of the railroads and the shippers who found it necessary to protect their interests. Furthermore, it is impossible to predict when the inquiry will be finished. In the meanwhile, the conditions responsible are changing, but unless Congress repeals the resolution the Commission must go ahead spending the taxpayers' money on what seems an impossible and well-nigh endless task. This is one of the cases where Congress, having given the Commission full authority in rate matters, later intervened—for political reasons. The Commission should be permitted to handle rate matters in a judicial manner and without regard to other considerations if full justice is to be done the public and it is to be assured adequate transportation service.

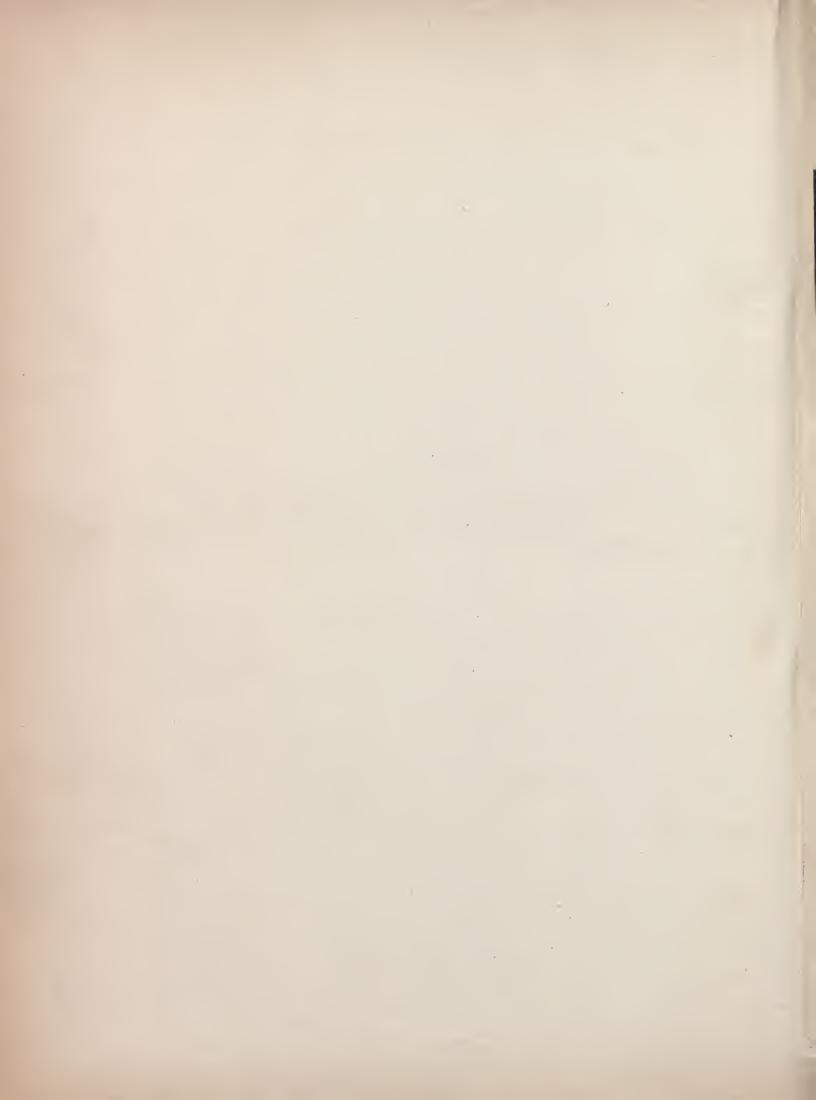
Recently, there has been a tendency upon the part of many interests to seek to reduce their transportation costs in an effort to overcome economic conditions within their own industries or to meet new competition from without. Apparently, the first thought under such circumstances is to appeal to the Commission for aid in compelling a contribution from the railroads regardless of their own relative prosperity. Such an attitude is one of grave danger to these industries and to the railroads. It is an established axiom that the country receives the kind of transportation for which it pays. As rates are forced down and the net earnings of the railroads approach the vanishing point, it must necessarily follow that there is going to be a slowing up in efficiency of operation which will have a material effect upon business and completely nullify the advantages of the rate reductions.

Success of railroad transportation in recent years has been due in no small measure to the full co-operation received from the shipping public. This spirit must be maintained if the character of service is to remain upon a high plane.

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